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Conference

ECO-TEC

International Forum

June 1992

at MORSIGLIA, CORSICA, FRANCE

ECO-TEC International Forum is a two weeks annual conference comprised of panel discussions, workshops and exhibition of proposals by the attending artists and architects on the symbiosis of ecology and technology for the transformation of the New European Landscape.

The Purpose of this forum in the town of Morsiglia on the island of Corsica is to explore current as well as potentially new technological and ecological questions arising from the existing imbalances and unresolved oppositions in the micro-macro European environment. More precisely, the intent of the ECO-TEC International Forum is to investigate within the discourse of the poetic and plastic arts, as well as through the medium of architecture and advanced high and low technology, the possibilities of an ecologically and socially balanced newly unified Europe.

The program will begin with 3 days of panel discussions with leading thinkers and professionals from Europe and the United States who are currently developing advanced proposals in natural and artificial environments. A full week will be spent on workshops and preparation for the exhibition, born out of materials from the discussions and in situ works by the attending artists and architects. Each workshop will be headed by a critic from the panel. This conference is open to the general public. Participants will be accommodated at the Couvent de l'Annonciation in Morsiglia. For detailed information please contact Storefront at 212-431-5795.

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A Project by Dan Hoffman

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James Keyden Cathcart
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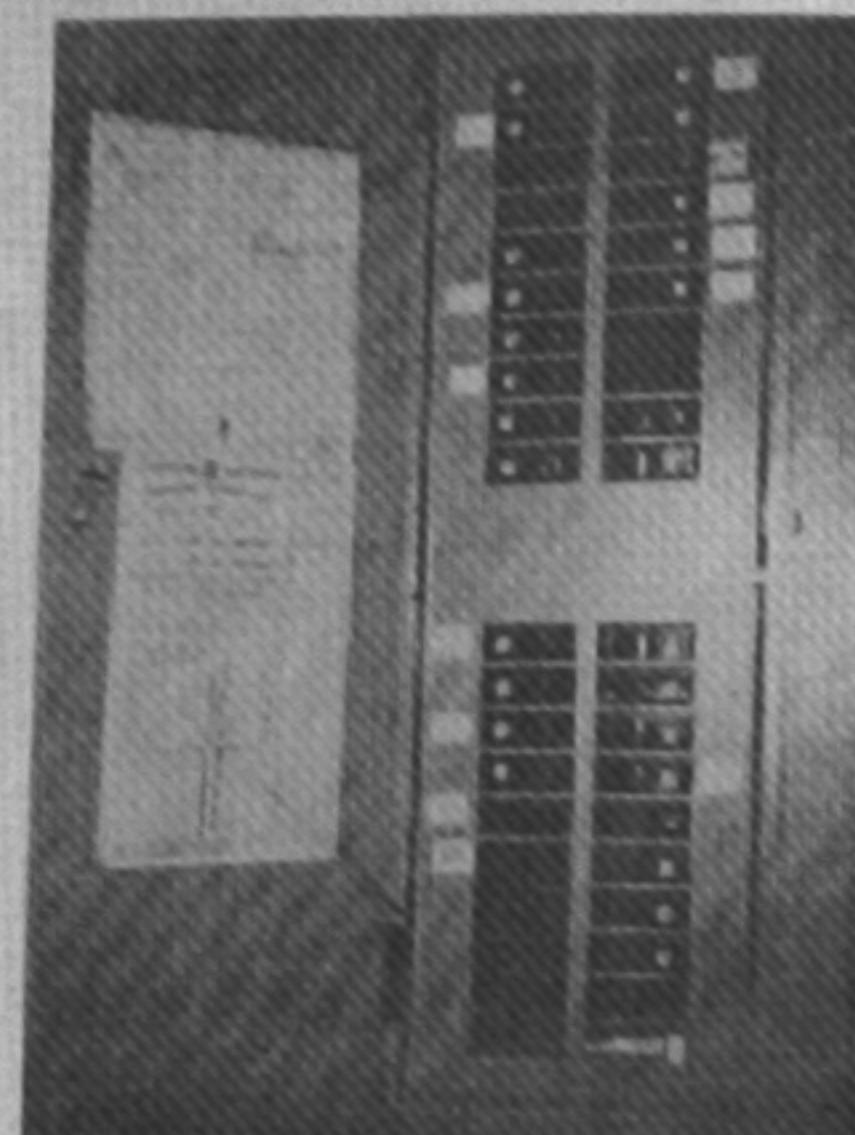
An installation at Cranbrook Academy of Art,
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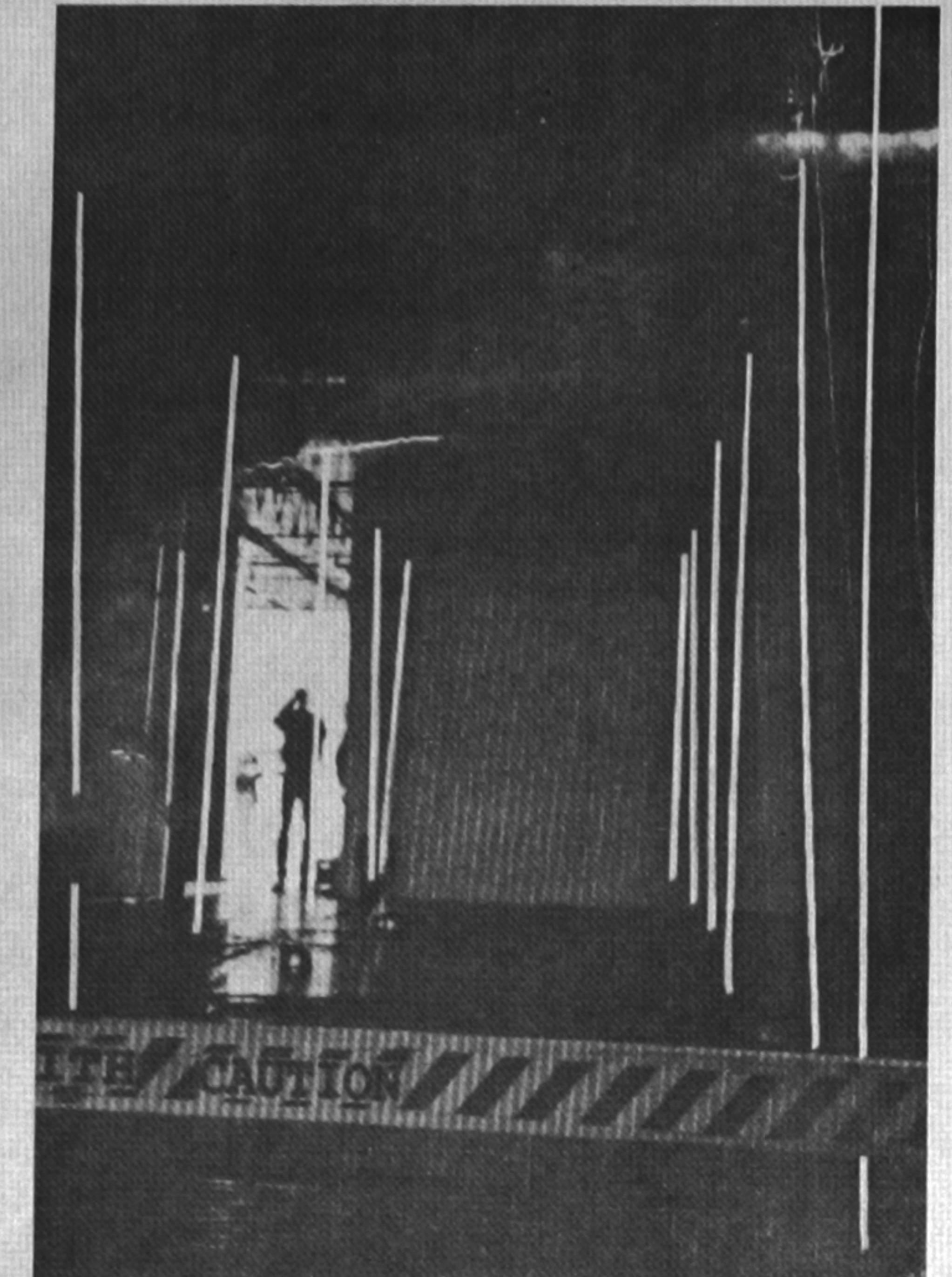
If there were a way to open the cranium and have the skull bone fall downward, that would be this piece - a cranium exposed by a masonry drill bit, sparks flying, the brain exposed to air. Or may be I'm seduced by the metaphor of up and down and buildings as bodies. The attic is necessarily the brain - that's why bats live there. This time it's not so clear because the skull opens out where the jaw really should be, the flapper. A huge parade float - necessarily the image when we speak of building as body...

Let's say a spot of time, confluence of material and men and me which could make this thing the center of some discussion. I insist it is somewhere in how we think or remember, how much is lost to view and how much there is to see, the tension between the two. So simply simple, beyond beneath choreography because there is no repetition in the moment. Only a single opening, transformation, a ceiling become a wall, a thought become an obstacle, or the reverse, a once concealed sign seen. Enough...

Harrah Frost



resistance: 23.738 ohms
the circuit breaker

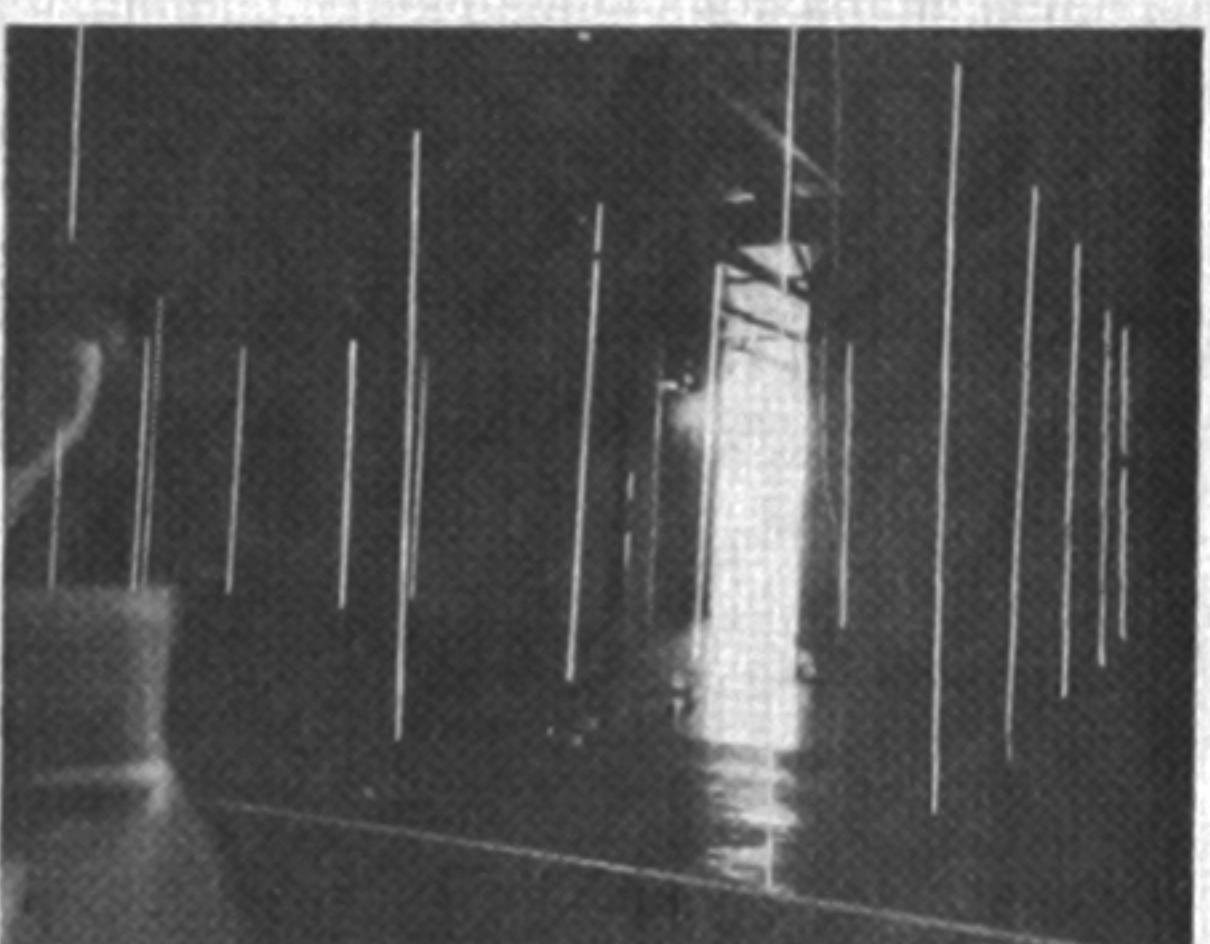


Wasserstrom Warehouse project: cancelled threshold
18 doors

resistance: 23.738 ohms
installation view

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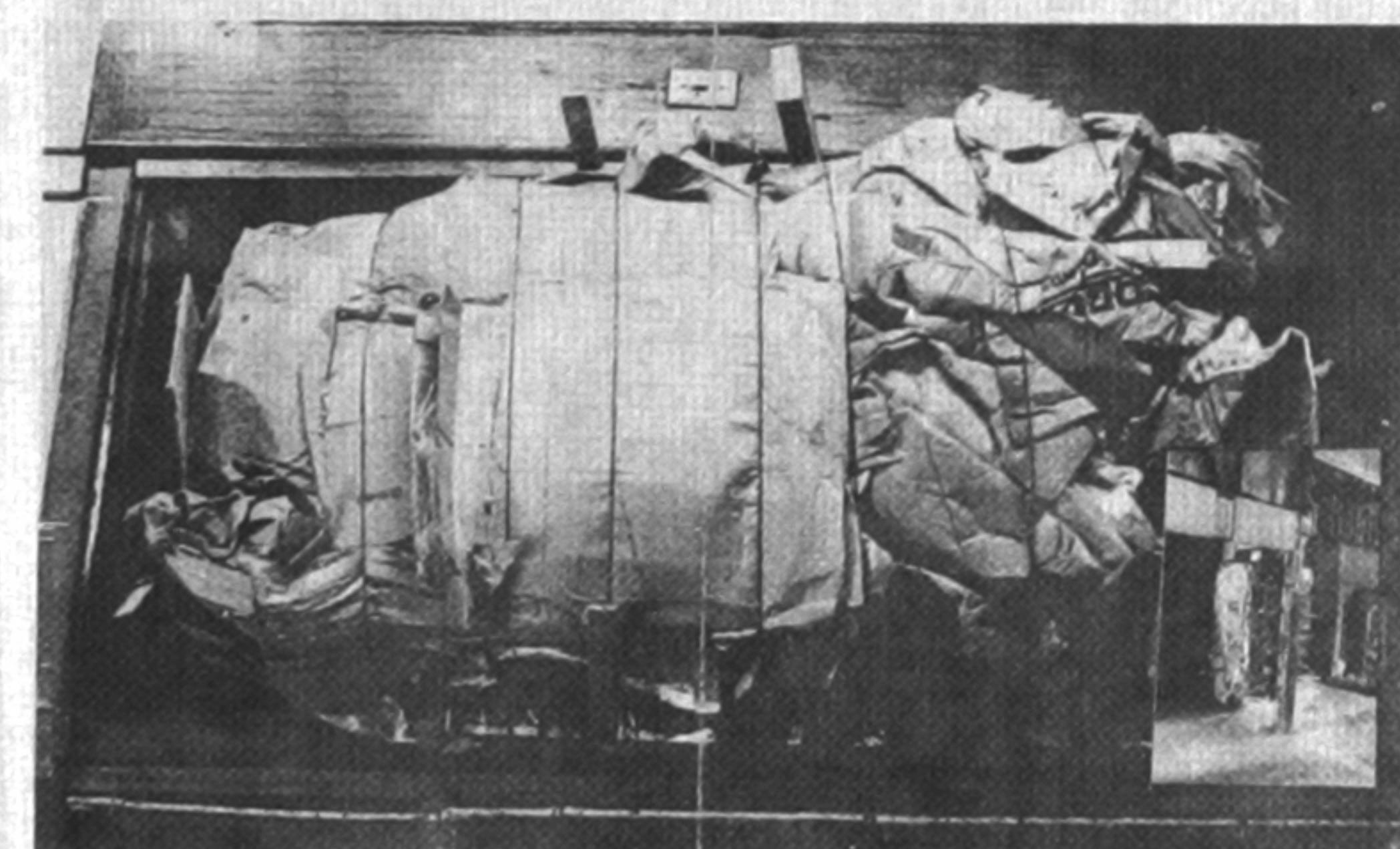
James Keyden Cathcart
Frank Fantauzzi
Terrence Van Elslander
An installation at Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts, Grand Rapids, Michigan.
1990



resistance: 23.738 ohms
installation view

WARNING

Red Wires are Very Hot



Wasserstrom Warehouse project: cancelled threshold
cardboard bundle

Recovered Histories

The problem with architecture lies in the creation of the object. To evade this problem, architecture increasingly looks for justification outside itself, and most often, it looks to history (more accurately historicism) for legitimization of its products. Characteristically enough, architecture appropriates only the form of history. The (assumed) authority of history allows architecture (and all other power seeking enterprises) to solve the twin problems of how and why to make an object; and what and why the object means. Most importantly, it does not question the historian's construction of history and its relationship to authority. This work subverts this appeal to authority by taking the position that a building is not in stasis. This work, as in previous projects, seeks to extend latent processes and structures in the building. By doing so, it places architectural meaning in memory, not in history.

Histories (of the building) are surfaced and hidden. This parallels the act of remembrance itself - the effort to construct the memory effaces the actual occurrence. We erase as we go, and this implication in the erasure of reality causes, on the psychological level, an anxiety and desire for verification. Culture wants instant history. To place the significance of architecture in memory is to place architecture in an essentially problematic condition: It creates an architecture which has no use value to power, authority, or capital. It creates an anarchitecture.

Terrence Van Elslander

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P9/9119/53699 after



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Jean-Claude Azar
James Keyden Cathcart
Frank Fantauzzi
Terrence Van Elslander
Michael Williams
Detroit, Michigan, 1989

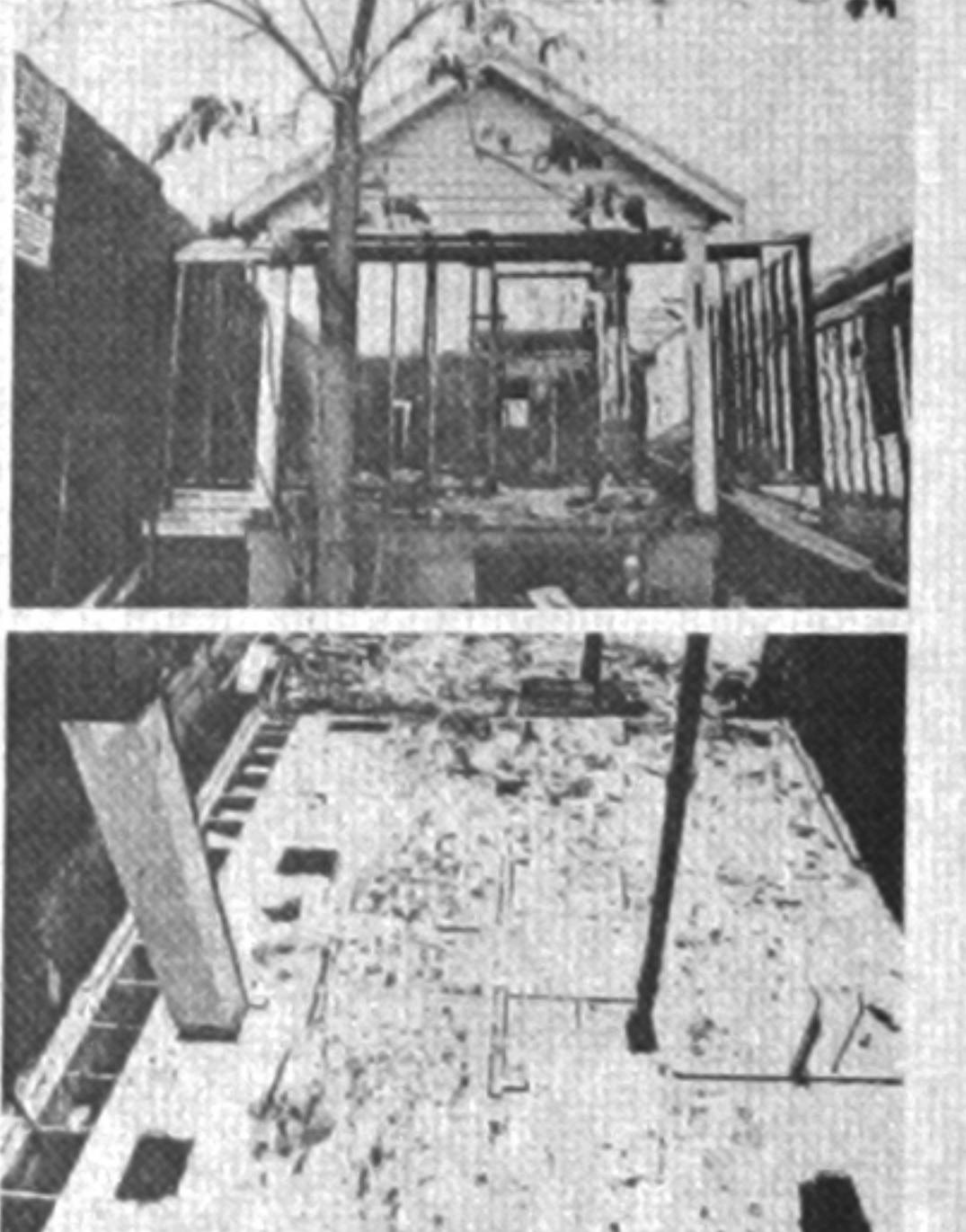
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In this place the comfort of ruins is not allowed. Desire is restricted to the depth of the surface. Beyond this layer, even mixed within it, a rational system of economic exploitation prevails. The ruin reveals, and is not permissible in a system which characteristically masks itself, dissembling its goal and method by promoting an inexhaustible, ever-changing surface of consumption. Whenever the surface dulls and the constitutive structure begins to show, the trained populace looks away while the offending object is erased. Erasure is mandatory and essential in order to maintain the manipulability of history, and hence control the direction of the future which in turn is a justification of the present. Myth helps us swallow.

Inconsistency between personal desire and cultural necessity is "resolved" through myth, which offers illusion for reality. Myth is a type of psychic economy. The effort to maintain the invisibility of the inconsistency, the anxiety and poverty of our culture, though enormous, is less than the effort to see a simple object, say an abandoned house, for what it is. The architects who are purveying myth, those concerned with its loss, are in essence, attempting to alienate the individual from the material world. The symbolic aspects of a house are emphasized because the reality is so disheartening. As if an exhausted, spent, piles of material could be transcended by the evocation of myths of dwelling, home and earth.

This innocuous house had no hearth, and lost its point of home quickly. It became primitive very fast. The desire of all matter for entropy revealed itself in this house as a specific section of space in a continuum of time. Barely sensible, asleep, the house seeped into the cracks of its own making. It conspired with gravity to create stochastic being outside of our own. Our activity was a mining process, an extraction of the duration of the house.

Unable to evade us, the house attempted to overwhelm by transforming itself into successive, particular states. A wood frame house is assembled in pieces. The contiguous materials maintain a separate though dependent existence, and threaten to detach themselves. Our labor was confined to splitting the house in two, loosening the habit of the house, and overcoming the forces of friction which kept the house in an unrequited relationship with gravity. Reducing the house multiplied the individual power of each material. At one point, the house was entirely plaster; at another, all wood. During one horrible length of time the house unleashed itself, and every surface, every cubic inch of air, was entirely insulation. Our work was to measure the force of this



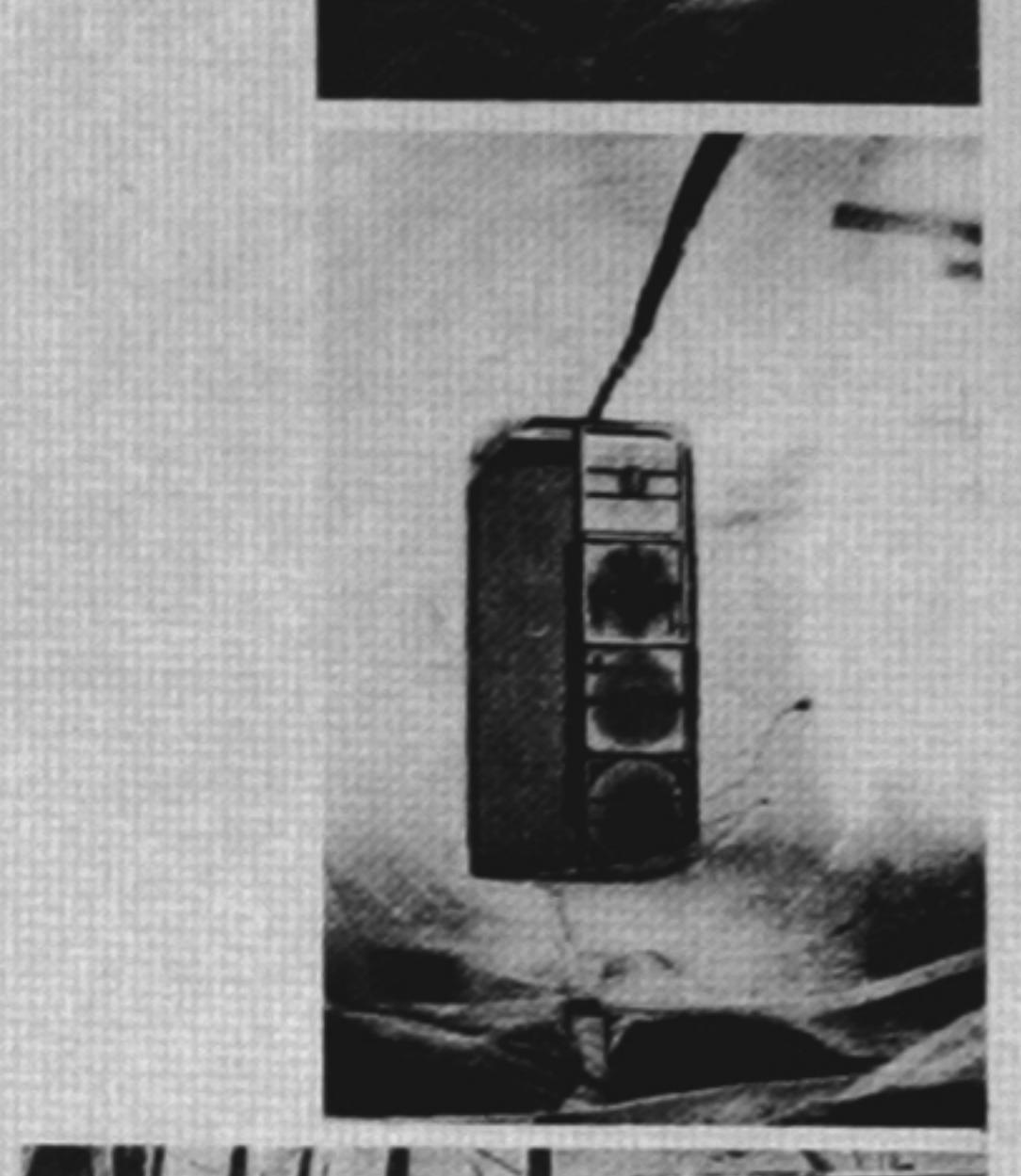
consumption, to see it with our eyes, weigh it with our hands, and filter it with our lungs.

Wood frame construction differs from masonry construction by the manner in which it creates space. While masonry, by virtue of its mass, displaces and compresses space; wood frame traps a portion of space within its cavity. It creates a net of concealed void between the open space of rooms. The walls have a tendency to implode, maintaining a distinct tension on the space. As the wall were released, space and scale exploded. The space of the house, clinging to every surface, multiplied then receded. The scale plunged into the macroscopic and emerged to a monumental landscape of steel trees in snow laden barrens on what was once the floor.

Fastened by a system of localized friction, the wood frame is continually balancing compressive and tensile forces. It carries load imperfectly, and is stretched in the direction of gravity. Its surfaces are under constant tension and are sensitive to vibration. As the strength of the vertical structure was reduced, the tension on the horizontal surfaces was increased until what the house resembled, in fact, was a drum vibrating in sympathy with the wind and sledgehammers. The house as a drum was its own wisdom, its own work.

Terrence Van Elslander

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Wall Thickness: 4 Mil

James Keyden Cathcart
An installation at Doma Gallery, New York, 1989

Materials
4 mil plastic sheets
4 fans
hollow core door
2" x 4" wood studs
Duct tape

Stanley Mathews

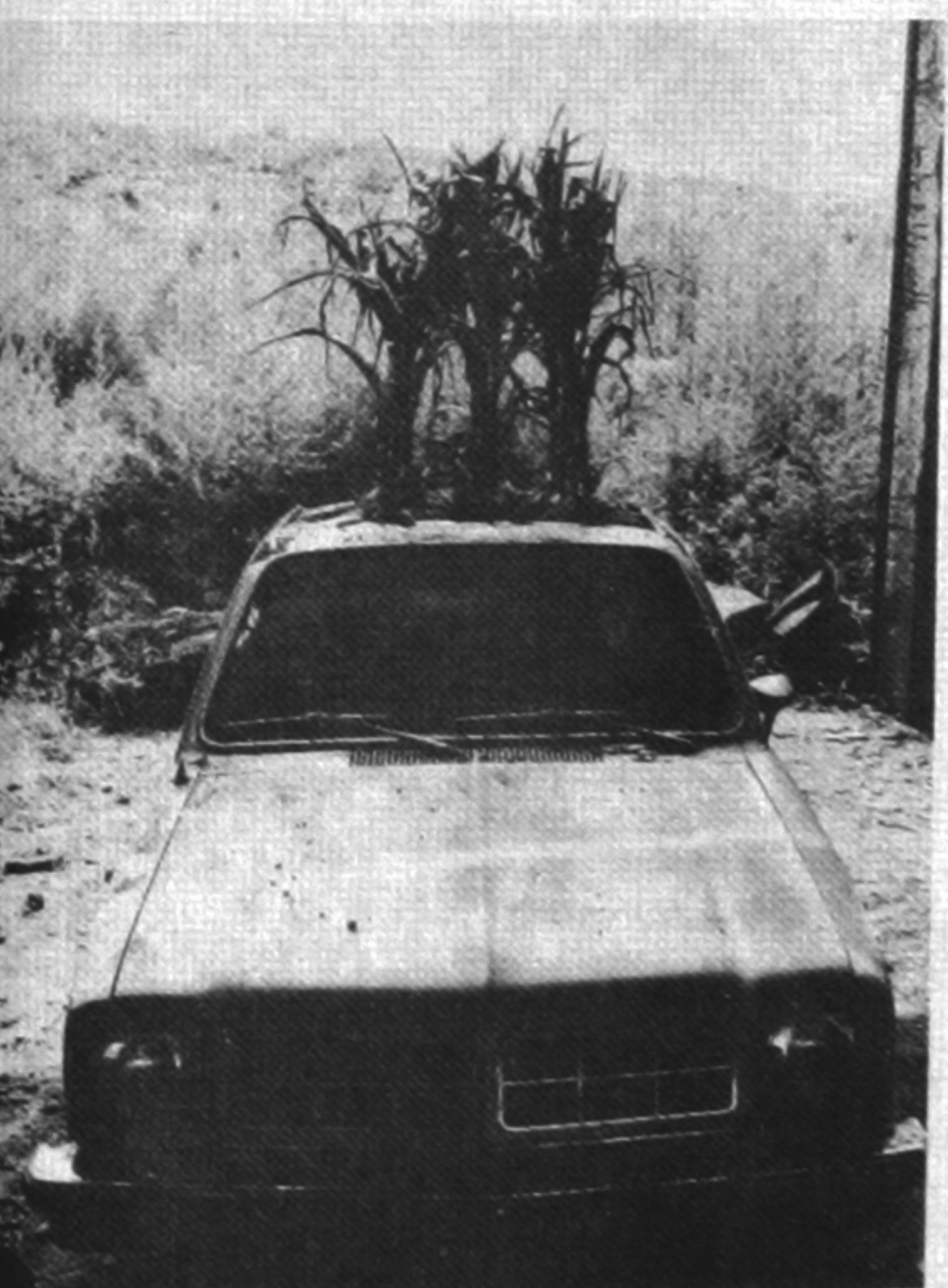
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Deconstruction in Detroit

The Willis (gallery) exhibition does not pretend to judge; it is more stance than solution. Yet it is striking against the backdrops of a "Kinder Gentler America" and homelessness. The installation flies in the face of the gilt-edged optimism and slick graphics of the Urban Studies and Master Plans. It is an architectural gesture for the non-productive economy in the age of the Leveraged Buy Out...

Stanley Mathews

(Excerpted from Dialogue Magazine)



Car + Corn", Location G7, 1991

Terrence Van Elslander
Detroit, Michigan

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